

Minutes for the Recycling and Refuse Management Committee 8/5/10

Present: Meg Vickery, Chair; John Root; Marianne Lorenzelli; Susan Waite, Recycling Coordinator

The Minutes from the previous meeting were amended with reservations about the first paragraph which referred to Roy Wright.

Updates: Meg Vickery announced her resignation as chair citing personal reasons. It was agreed that committee members will need to consider who will replace her. Susan Waite thanked Meg for her service over the last 3 years.

Member Attendance: It was discussed that Susan Waite was having to remind members quite frequently about each meeting and attendance has not been stellar over the last year. She encouraged all of us to simply remember that meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 4:30.

New Membership: Susan has the names of several interested in joining the committee and will invite them to the next meeting when we shall hopefully have more members present.

History of the Committee: Susan has been doing some research on the history of the committee and will share her findings at the next meeting.

Sub-Committees and Guilford Mooring: The superintendent of Public Works, Guilford Mooring, has asked that the committee or a sub-committee review proposals as they come in for a solar farm to be located on the site of the Old Landfill. He has also asked that the committee review the new DEP Solid Waste Master Plan for the next 10 years. Susan will forward this to us for comment. Guilford would also like us to look into short and long term landfill alternatives. It was agreed to invite Guilford to the October meeting.

Next Meeting: It was agreed to discuss the following at the next meeting: membership, the solar farm proposal reviews, the DEP Master Plan and Susan's finds on the history of the Committee and its work.

New Business:

School Composting: the Principal of Fort River School is very keen to begin the composting there and it is arranged that Triple T will collect their food waste. Crocker Farm has had a mouse problem which, though it is probably not related to the composting, means the composting site may be moved. The principal remains committed to the endeavor.

Susan asked for help and suggestions for the signage for the school composting. John said his son might be able to photograph the items recycled or thrown away and will get back to Susan.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Vickery

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